

**District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes  
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**Monday  
June 1, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland  
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with nine (9) District Advisory Board members in attendance, six (6) city staff and ten (10) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

C. Bickley Foster  
Charlie Claycomb  
Marsha Carr  
Jaya Escobar  
Bob Schreck  
Bob Wine  
Pat Randleas  
John VanWalleghen  
Bob Aldrich

**Members Absent**

Carol Skaff

**Staff Present**

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant  
Officer Burnett, Patrol North  
Officer Perkins, Patrol West  
Chief Andy Cole, Fire  
Officer Schwiethale, Patrol South  
Dave Barber, Planning

**Guests**

Listed at end

**Council Member Miller** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for May 4, 2009 were approved with an amendment. (**Claycomb/Aldrich 8-0**)

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**Schreck/Aldrich 8-0**)

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** None at this time

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

**Escobar** arrives at 6:50 pm.

**Staff Presentations**

**3. Community Police Report**

**Patrol South:** *Officer Schwiethale* - reported Old Town auto larcenies had decreased. Officers are working with grant dollars received for funding the JUDGE PROGRAM which allows hiring young teens to go in to locations as bait to see if alcohol will be sold to them. They go into bars and liquor stores to check if alcohol is being sold to minors. So far, they have ticketed 24 bars and three liquor stores for selling alcohol to minors and made three arrests. This program will be done throughout the summer until the money runs out.

**Patrol North:** *Officer Burnett* stated his bureau was also working with the JUDGE PROGRAM and so far 18 arrests have been made. Burglaries have increased across from the Moorings. There were two in one night and the owners were at home when this happened. We are addressing this issue with all the neighbors. We have had complaints about all terrain vehicles (ATV's), horses and goats on levees in the Big Ditch. I am working with city staff to help combat the problem. **Schreck** asked if the Sheriff's department is responsible for the ditch and signage needs to be installed to keep people out of there. *Burnett* said our Law department says the levee is a city problem and people are trespassing if they are on it. **Aldrich** asked who does the current maintenance on the ditch. Someone stated the Public Works department does the mowing. There should be no recreational activity as it erodes the ground. **Miller** thanked *Burnett* and *Captain Easter* for their efforts stating she knew many staff were working on this issue.

**Schreck** said he had ridden with the Sheriff's Department and they said there were lots of Meth-labs along the Big-Ditch. Have you seen that? *Burnett* said he had seen Meth labs along 53<sup>rd</sup> street N of Seneca area but that it had been a while back. **Randleas** asked if he had spoken to 911 dispatches about the calls. *Burnett* stated that the officer has to see for himself the complaint.

**Patrol West:** *Officer Perkins* said the annual Tri-neighborhood picnic with North Riverside, Riverside and Midtown will be held Saturday June 7th. This is a great community event. There have been auto larcenies at Central/West streets by breaking the windows. Officers are working on special assignments to try and curb this problem. With the construction along West St. we have had out extra patrols. The community police have been evicted from their location at Patrol West station and are now looking for new avenues as to where to have an office. **Aldrich** asked if the satellite office at the Orchard Park Rec. Center was still going to happen. *Perkins* responded yes it would be for officers to use the telephone and do paperwork.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

#### 4. **Fire Department Report**

*Battalion Chief Andy Cole* from Station one (1) stated last month there had been eight fires in the district. Some were started due to children playing with matches including in a stolen car. We are inviting our citizens to attend the Fire Academy. **Schreck** stated he was attending the Fire Academy and was really enjoying going to class and he was looking forward to the last class as they would be helping with an actual fire. *Cole* included recently the Fire Chief had four stations out of 20 responding to calls. This was due to shortage of fire units. We will be looking at public records to review for more information. *Cole* said officers were trying to do the best they could in all situations with the resources they have.

**Escobar** asked about the recent grain elevator fire near her home at what point do you evacuate residents in the area. *Cole* responded in this situation we immediately evacuated some residents who were very close to the elevator but depending on the risk we can evacuate to ¾ mile. **Aldrich** stated he heard personnel weren't allowed to leave and take their vehicles. *Cole* said the company makes the decision of the call about how personnel are handled in these types of situations.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** Receive and file

#### **New Business**

##### 5. **Updated designs for the Nomar International Market.**

Representatives Tony Rangel, Jeff Best and Todd Whipple Law Kingdon presented on the updated designs for the Nomar International Market per power point presentation.

Questions/comments asked by DAB members were: *responses in Italics*

- Why was the original plan for 10,000 sq. ft and considered too small when it's now just for outdoors? *The original design was made for expansion of the Market Place. It was to have a shed roof but that has changed to a gabled roof. At present there will be room for a CDC office, storage and public restrooms. The area is designed at present for outdoor use only but there could be a future building.*

- Will anti-graffiti coating be included for the building? *Yes for the inside of the facility, but for outdoors a different type of texture will be used.*
- Will the tower have musical capability? *At present we are exploring a possible wind chime environment.*
- The seal for stucco needs to be a good one.
- Which direction will the Sound System flow? *The sound will flow to the South and East.*
- We need to have someone from the CDC come and speak at DAB.
- The booths, can you have some form of canvas top to provide for shading? *We have looked at this but it's not in the budget at present.*
- Signage, will it be bi-lingual? *This has not been determined at present.*
- What dollars is the CDC providing? **Miller** *stated some of the dollars were coming from the CIP and federal grants. I feel this is not fair as the city did not provide for the Old Town Farmer's Market, I'm very disappointed.*
- Is the Asian community active or interested in this project? *We do have a few participating and have done surveys to engage the community but have received very little feedback. Dave Barber, Planning said the Asian community is more located near the 21<sup>st</sup> and Amidon area.*
- Thank you this has been a long time coming and is exciting to see an open air dining area planned.
- Will there be charges to other agencies for holding events at the plaza?
- This area has been neglected for years and I see this improvement as an anchor to begin more development. It's good to see this part of the City expand.
- It's time to quit talking and do something.

Rangel finished saying we just need approval to move forward.

Sharon Stouth, who owns a business at 20<sup>th</sup>/Broadway is concerned about the Streetscape South of 21<sup>st</sup>. Rangel said the changes were for Broadway to Waco along 21<sup>st</sup> street.

Aldrich left at 7:50 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** Receive and File

#### 6. Recreational Vehicle amendment to Chapter 26

Randy Sparkman, former OCI staff reviewed the merits of changing Chapter 26 (Manufactured Home Code) to allow newer, self-contained RV's (recreational vehicles) to occupy Mobile/Manufactured Home spaces, on a temporary basis, in greater numbers than currently allowed (currently maximum three (3)). Sparkman stated he had been working on the code change before he retired from the City. This amendment is designed to entice older locations to work with nice recreational vehicles and run a better operation.

Questions/comments asked by DAB members were: *responses in Italics*

- Is the service building required to include a storm shelter? *The requirements are different.*
- Why are you showing two systems? *One system needs to be a dump station.*
- The 180 day requirement some will stay that long then leave and come back for another 180 days. *Some people don't want to stay in the same area longer than 180 days.*
- Why the restriction of 5%? *To look at a larger context and more seasonal items that happens.*
- In 1964 we didn't have the parks as we have now. You should keep the parks separate as OCI doesn't have the staff to regulate this.
- I don't understand why we would need to do this. *We have done this before and the change would be a larger increased use at parks. Jobs are now more mobile and lots of manufactured home parks are not full. This would allow them to make some money.*
- These parks would be better locations for RV's as they have playground facilities and this helps parks fill their empty spaces. *Also this would bring money into Wichita. This is a fairly common practice around the U.S.*

- How many manufactured home spaces are there? *Around 3000 but 1/4 of them are empty.*

*Sharon Stouth*, who owns a business at 20<sup>th</sup>/Broadway said you should have this amendment for nine (9) months. I have clients that have to park at Goddard and then work clear across town. Sometimes their jobs last longer than six (6) months and this in turn brings money to Wichita as people end up liking it here and want to stay.

**Miller** said to *Sparkman* that normally with this type of request city staff makes the presentation and she was inquiring as to why city staff was not presenting.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** The District Advisory Board VI made a motion to recommend to **Council Member Miller** to ask city staff to look further into the amendment request without coming back to DAB for a final recommendation. (**Escobar/Schreck 7-1 Wine**)

**Wine** said that across from him was a manufactured home park that ended up being demolished and new homes were put in. I think this is a bad idea.

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#### **7. Problem Properties**

**Smoke Shop** at: 37<sup>TH</sup>/Womer: wholesale activity. This is possibly not legal what activity is taking place.

**1206 Riverside:** for the last 2 months there have been cars up on blocks and a trailer with furniture on the street.

**Graffiti:** on the West embankment on the South side on the 18th/St. bridge.

**1629 W. 27<sup>th</sup>:** the home is vacated with huge piles of brush.

**Evergreen Building:** check for MOLD- smells like there is some here.

**45<sup>th</sup>/ and 254 Highway:** this runs East and West on the North side there is an expensive Recreational Vehicle parked.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

#### **8. Neighborhood Reports**

**Graffiti Color book:** is now finished and can be downloaded from the Police website.

**Sewer issue from the last DAB meeting:** do we know if there was septic system failure? **Miller** responded she thought staff said that yes there were problems with the septic.

**Farm & Art market:** Now open on Saturday's from 7 am-noon.

**Benjamin Hills garage sale:** 23 homes will be having sales. There will be flyers available at the Mailroom located at 2020 W. 21<sup>st</sup> showing all the sale locations.

**CSBG committee:** **Escobar** and **Foster** are termed out for serving next year. There is \$900,000 to spend and with the stimulus fund it will increase. There is no system set up to have people that are low/mod income serving on the committee.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file.

### **Updates from the Councilmember**

- Emergency dollars have been acquired to fix the flood damage on the 21<sup>st</sup>/bridge.
- We have had some calls about the traffic issues at 25<sup>th</sup> street and Amidon. Staff will be looking into this.
- The new club ordinance changes from DAB were presented at a council workshop.
- The new location for the council member breakfast will be Mead's Coffee shop at Douglas and Emporia. The doors will open at 9:00 am.
- I'm still reviewing the process for DAB and other district 6 board appointments. The process to fill vacant seats will be posted on the Web site soon. Please make sure you fill out the information sheets for all the boards you have served for the city. The board lists are being updated as the master copy was misplaced. If you have any new ideas for DAB please let me or Terri know.

- We would like to get someone who rides public transportation to serve on a committee for the 21<sup>st</sup> street revitalization plan.
- A case we heard awhile back pertaining to more development near the Moorings will be heard at the Law Enforcement training center June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### **Announcements**

- Next DAB meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2009

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. **(Claycomb/Carr)**

### **Guests**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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